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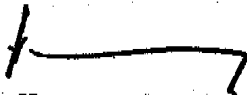
Dear Jim:

I appreciate your writing about your concerns over the Evans-Novak column of March 22 on US-Soviet relations. Hal Sonnenfeldt tells me he has already spoken to you on the phone but I wanted to confirm to you in writing that the column in question does not reflect our policy toward Eastern Europe.

I wish to assure you that our long-standing policy toward Eastern Europe has not changed and that the newspaper rendition of the discussions with Ambassadors in London and of Mr. Sonnenfeldt's remarks on that occasion is severely distorted.

Our policy in no sense accepts Soviet "dominion" of Eastern Europe nor is it in any way designed to seek the consolidation of such "dominion". On the contrary, we seek to be responsive to, and to encourage as responsibly as possible, the desires of East Europeans for greater autonomy, independence and more normal relations with the rest of the world. It is our objective that in this way there should also occur a greater Soviet acceptance of this autonomy and independence. These basic policies have been consistently reaffirmed by us in word and deed, including in the No Objection To Declassification in Full 2011/04/28 : LOC-HAK-352-8-9-3 region and in the President's as well as my own meetings with governmental leaders from East European countries. It is deplorable that a widely-circulated newspaper column should call our purposes and policies into question.

Warm regards,

  
Henry A. Kissinger

The Honorable  
James L. Buckley,  
United States Senate.